GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3279
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BANNING OF EXPORT OF COCONUT OIL
Majhi Shri Parsuram

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has imposed ban on the export of edible oils including coconut oil recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor separately; and

(c) the steps taken to lift the ban and protect the interest of the growers,particularly coconut growers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a)to c): Yes, Sir. The Government had vide notification No.85(RE-2007)/2004-2009 dated 17th March, 2008 prohibited export of all edible oils including coconut oil to mitigate shortage in the country, However, the restriction imposed was subsequently relaxed vide Notification No. 92(RE-2007)/2004-2009 dated 1.4.2008 allowing export of coconut oil through Cochin Port.